(*b*) whether this amount has been spent and the maintenance effected; and

(*c*) whether motor vehicles are now (26-11-1105) plying on the Lalam-Kadutturutti road, and, if so, how many?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 950

(*b*) A sum of Rs. 871 has been spent up to the end of Edavam 1105 and the balance will be spent before the end of the year.

(*c*) No.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolum*): പാട്ട് സി. അവിടെ ഇപ്പോൾ ബസ്സ് സർവ്വീസ് ഇല്ലാതിരിക്കുന്നതിനു കാരണമെന്തെന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): അതു ഫസ്റ്റ് ക്ലാസ് റോഡല്ല. വേഗംപോകുന്ന വാഹനങ്ങൾ സാധാരണ സെക്കന്റ് ക്ലാസ് റോഡിൽ വിടുന്നതിനു അസൌകര്യമുണ്ട്.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): ഈ വർഷത്തിൽത്തന്നെ അവിടെ ഒന്നിലധികം മോട്ടോർവാഹനങ്ങൾ അന്നവാദത്തോടുകൂടി നടന്നുവരുന്നു എന്നറിയാമോ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ

President of the Attingal Municipal Council.

64. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a non-official President for the Attingal Municipal Council for some time;

(*b*) how long is it since the Attingal Municipal Council is having a non-official President;

(*c*) under what Section of the Municipal Regulation or the Rules passed thereunder, an officer has been nominated as the President of the Attingal Municipal Council; and

(*d*) whether there was any representation protesting against the continuance of the official President, and, if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Municipality is not having a non-official President now.

(*c*) An officer has been appointed by the Government as President of the Municipality under the powers vested in them by Section 15 (3) of the Municipal Regulation, V of 1095.

(*d*) There was a representation at the last Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly about the desirability of having an elected non-official President for the Municipality. The member was told in reply that the Municipality would be allowed the right to elect its President as soon as the condition of the Municipality permitted the same.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know from the member what is the answer to part (*b*) of my question?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer covers it.

The question is "how long is it since the Attingal Municipal Council *is having* a non-official President." Since it is not having a non-official President now that information has not been furnished.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): My question is how long is it since the Attingal Municipal Council is having a non-official President. 'Is having' is the question.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): '*Is* having' means that the Council *is* having a non-official President *today*. But there is only an *official* President now. That is why it has been answered in the negative.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know from the member how long the Attingal Municipality was having a non-official President?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Until March 1927.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to part (*d*), may I know, Sir, what were the reasons which were found to affect public interest adversely which enabled the Government to replace the non-official President by an official President?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): There were rivalries between the non-official President and the Municipal Councillors. There was not much good feeling between them. The administrative work of the President was not satisfactory and matters grew worse; as a result, the Municipal Office was set fire to in Vrischikam 1100 and a good portion of the records was destroyed. Soon after, the Account Officer inspected the Municipal Office in Makaram 1100; and he found out defalcation of public funds to the extent of Rs. 1,000. Other irregularities of a serious nature were also brought to the notice of Government. All these were considered by Government; and they were about to pass orders superseding the Council when the non-official President himself resigned. His resignation was accepted and an official President was appointed.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Were these irregularities found when the Municipal Council was administered by a particular President or when it was administered by a series of non-official Presidents?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): All these things that I mentioned happened during the time of this non-official President.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know from the member what are the reasons which *now* weigh in asking the Council not to elect a non-official President?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government feel that the condition of things has not improved.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether because during the time of this particular President some irregularities happened in the Council, it disqualifies the electorate to have a non-official President?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Not for all time.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): What are the reasons now standing against the proposal of allowing a non-official President to the Municipality?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are not satisfied that the condition of things have improved to warrant the grant of the privilege of election of a non-official President.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): On what basis is the statement made?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is the view of Government.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know from the member on what basis is the statement made, namely that the Government are not satisfied in spite of the fact that the Municipality has by now been administered by two official Presidents?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is Government's view. I have mentioned some irregularities that happened in the Attingal Municipality. The situation has not palpably improved and the Government are waiting for the time when the situation might improve, to justify the grant of the privilege of electing a non-official President again.

Depressed class employees in the Nagercoil and Shencotta Municipalities.

65. MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of overseers, maistries and peons belonging to the depressed communities who are now (18-7-'30) employed in the Nagercoil and Shencotta Municipalities?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The list* required by the member is laid on the table.

Privy for the depressed classes at Nagercoil.

66. MR. K. MADHAVAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Nagercoil Municipality has erected any public privy for the use of the depressed communities till now (18-7-'30)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No separate latrines have been erected by the Municipality for the sole use of the depressed classes. But there are fifteen public latrines for the town open to all classes and communities, including the depressed classes and communities.

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